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In Re U.S. Patent Application Of:)
Kok-Hwee Ng et al.)
Application No. 09/865,052) Group Art Unit: 3737
Filed: May 24, 2001) Examiner: Unassigned
For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
CONVERTING AN EXISTING)
BLOOD COLLECTION INSTRUMENT'S)
COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL)

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment, in a form required under amended rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Accordingly, one (1) sheet containing the marked-up specification is attached hereto as Appendix A.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the title, and ~~and~~ insert therefor:

-- A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NETWORKING BLOOD COLLECTION INSTRUMENTS
WITHIN A BLOOD COLLECTION FACILITY--

Please delete paragraph 2 at page 1, lines 5-7, and insert therefor:

-- Related Application

This claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/287,122, filed April

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